



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE May 26, 2010

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

The end of the school year is upon us – we can look back on the year and see many very good things that happened to our Ag Ed family, including Chase Rose of Shields Valley being elected Central Region Vice President of the National FFA Organization, passage of HB 464 and added funding for Ag Programs, opening six new ag programs in the state, implementation of the National Quality Program Standards, and many other bits of good news.

Currently we have openings in Dodson, Hays, Turner, Belfry, Belt, Denton, Simms, Darby, Judith Gap, Plevna, Plenty Coups and Circle. New teachers were hired in Drummond, Hobson, Chinook, Lodge Grass and Absarokee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education Human Services & Resources

FCS Regional Workshops this Summer

The Career & Technical Education Division at the Office of Public Instruction is offering nine Family & Consumer Sciences Regional Workshops **"Connecting the Dots within FCS"** in various locations around the state during the first two weeks of August. All Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) educators are encouraged to attend – both middle school and high school, part-time and full-time.

There is no registration fee for the one-day workshop. Lunch will be arranged at each location, but each participant will be responsible for their own lunch costs and no reimbursement for mileage will be available in order to make these workshops feasible.

Locations:

August 3 – Butte	August 11 – Great Falls
August 4 – Belgrade	August 12 – Columbia Falls (<i>Columbia Falls High School</i>)
August 5 – Billings (<i>Skyview High School</i>)	August 13 – Missoula (<i>Sentinel High School</i>)
August 6 – Miles City	
August 9 – Sidney (<i>Sidney High School Library</i>)	
August 10 – Malta	

Topics to be covered include but are not limited to Carl Perkins and Big Sky Pathways, Academic Infusion, Brand FACS, Middle School to High School Transitions, Best Practices in FCS for Middle School & High School, and Leadership Development. Each topic area will be revisited in a series of webinars offered monthly during the 2010-2011 school year. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to earn 6 OPI Renewal Units.

For more information, please contact Megan Anderson, Family & Consumer Sciences Education Specialist at 406.444.3599 or manderson2@mt.gov or Mary Ann Gregory, Administrative Assistant at mgregory2@mt.gov.

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Health Sciences Technology Education

Our summer Health Science Teacher Training scheduled for June 7-11, and the Health Science Professional Development to be held June 10 and 11th are both full! Starla Ewan is our guest presenter and she will be conducting her workshop on Project Based Learning.

Over the summer we will be working on a Medical Math curricula and reviewing dual credit courses for students preparing for a career in the health professions.

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA):

Eighteen students and advisors are headed to the HOSA National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 22-26th. This National Conference will host well over 7,000 participants from the US and Puerto Rico. Christi Virts and Dawn Drahos, health science teachers at CM Russell in Great Falls, will be recognized as MT Chapter Advisors of the Year. We wish all of our competitors the best of luck.

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Industrial, Manufacturing & Engineering Systems Cluster

Summer Workshops for Industrial Technology

WHAT: Certified Welding Educator Summer Workshop

WHERE: Flathead Valley Community College

WHEN: July 19-24, 2010

Candidates must possess an AWS welding certification and meet certain qualifications. Participant numbers may be limited.

For more information, contact Mort Hill at FVCC rhill@fvcc.edu.

WHAT: CNC Machine Tool Demonstrations and Industrial Metrology Demonstrations

WHERE: Location King Machine
443 West Pennwood Street
Meridian, Idaho

WHEN: June 9 and 10, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact George Cobb at cnctoolsmt@mtintouch.net

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